

# **Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)**

## **Steering Committee Meeting**

September 17, 2007, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Resources Agency Bldg., Room 1131

*\*Note: this was a postponed meeting of the Steering Committee from 9/7/07 to hear initial results of the Conservation Strategy Options Evaluation.*

### **Draft Meeting Notes**

#### **Associated documents/handouts:**

- Agenda
- Options Evaluation locator map (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 1 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 2 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 3 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 4 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation summary table of fish by options (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation summary table of non-biological criteria by options (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation summary table of overall comparison of options by criteria groups (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation executive summary (paper copy)

#### **Action Items and Key Decisions**

- Steering Committee (SC) will review and be prepared to discuss the Options Evaluation by the Friday 9/21 meeting

#### **Conservation Strategy Options Evaluation**

Paper copies of summary sections provided for today's meeting, electronic copy of full report will be available for downloading tomorrow (9/18/07) on the Resources Agency BDCP website. SC members will review the full document and meet again on Friday 9/21/07 to continue discussion.

In coming weeks SC will continue to discuss the Options, craft one that enables the SC to start building a framework through the normal NCCP/HCP process. The Option carried forward may change in the future based on information that is developed during the Conservation Strategy planning process.

#### **Options evaluation presentation (Paul Cylinder and Pete Rawlings)**

- Descriptions of Options.
  1. Existing configuration
  2. Improved Through-Delta Conveyance, using siphons and barriers to separate flows. Gravity siphon at Victoria Canal was not sufficient in the hydrodynamic models to meet water supply/reliability goals.

Configuration assumptions were altered to include a pump facility at the siphon so it could meet water supply/reliability goals.

3. Dual conveyance. Same conveyance as Option 2 plus peripheral aqueduct connecting with existing pumps in the south Delta.
  4. Peripheral aqueduct only.
- Process of evaluation and structure of output and analysis
    - Pyramid with most detailed information (hydrodynamic model output) at bottom, more rolled-up information toward the top. Overall summary shows criteria category by Option in table format.
    - At the most detailed level, quantitative metrics, tools, and scales based on model output were used to evaluate each species by criteria and stressor; at the next level up rankings were applied, based on quantitative scales
    - Evaluation of Options by species was based on anticipated effects of the restoration potential and hydrologic conditions associated with each Option on important stressors identified for each species.
    - Executive summary is the distilled document, describes how the detailed full evaluation document was built.

### **Discussion**

Next step is to determine if there's any additional information needed so SC can winnow the Options further. Fall work will include choosing and fine-tuning a direction and developing the Option that will be carried forward into the Framework document. SC also needs to consider how the BDCP Option fits into other processes and continue communication with Delta Vision and others.

### **Public Comment**

None at this meeting

### **Next meeting**

Friday 9/21/07. Normal meeting time and location, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Resources Building room 1131.

### **Meeting attendees**

#### *Representatives*

Karen Scarborough (The Resource Agency)  
Paul Cylinder (SAIC)  
Pete Rawlings (SAIC)  
Jason Peltier (Westlands)  
Carl Wilcox (DFG)  
Jerry Johns (DWR)  
Russ Strach (NOAA Fisheries)  
Kim Delfino (Defenders of Wildlife)  
Campbell Ingram (The Nature Conservancy)  
Greg Thomas (Natural Heritage Institute)  
Walt Wadlow (SCVWD)  
Joe Grindstaff (CBDA)

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Frank Michny (USBR)  
Dale Myers (Zone 7)  
Kenny Watkins (CFBF)  
Will Stelle (The Resources Agency)  
Cindy Darling (The Resources Agency)  
Laura King Moon (State Water Contractors)  
Gary Bobker (The Bay Institute)

*By phone*

Bill Boyd  
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